

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE GAS)	
RATES OF LOUISVILLE GAS)	CASE NO. 2000-080
AND ELECTRIC COMPANY)	

APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS)	
AND ELECTRIC TO INCREASE)	
ITS CHARGES FOR)	
DISCONNECTING AND)	CASE NO. 2000-137
RECONNECTING SERVICE AND)	
FOR RETURNED CHECKS)	

ORDER

The Attorney General, by and through his Office of Rate Intervention (“Attorney General”), has moved for consolidation of the above-styled proceedings. Louisville Gas & Electric Company (“LG&E”) and Robert Madison (“Madison”), intervenor in Case No. 2000-080, submitted responses to the Attorney General’s motion.

The Commission, having carefully considered the motion and the responses thereto, finds that:

1. Case Nos. 2000-080 and 2000-137 should be consolidated into Case No. 2000-080.
2. Case No. 2000-137 is hereby closed.
3. From the date of this Order, the parties shall use the following case style on all documents concerning this case:

The Application of Louisville Gas &
Electric Company to Adjust its Gas Rates and
to Increase its Charges for Disconnecting
Service, Reconnecting Service and Returned Checks.

4. The rates proposed by LG&E in its nonrecurring charges application, Case No. 2000-137, are suspended up to and including September 28, 2000.

5. The procedural schedule established by the Commission in Case No. 2000-080 is adopted as the procedural schedule for the consolidated proceeding.

6. The only electricity charges before the Commission are the charges for disconnecting and reconnecting customers and the charge for returned checks proposed in Case No. 2000-137.

7. LG&E states in its response that it does not oppose the consolidation of these cases provided, among other things, its ability to make two abbreviated nonrecurring charge filings pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10, at the conclusion of Case No. 2000-080 is not affected. Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10(3), permits no more than two nonrecurring rate revision filings between general rate cases. LG&E states in its application in Case No. 2000-137 that it does not anticipate future concurrent gas and electricity rate proceedings. Case No. 2000-080 is a general rate case for LG&E's gas operations only. Therefore, after the conclusion of this consolidated proceeding, LG&E will be entitled, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10(3), to file two nonrecurring rate applications for its gas operations. LG&E's ability to file two nonrecurring rate filings for its electricity operations since its last general electricity rate case is not affected.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of May, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director